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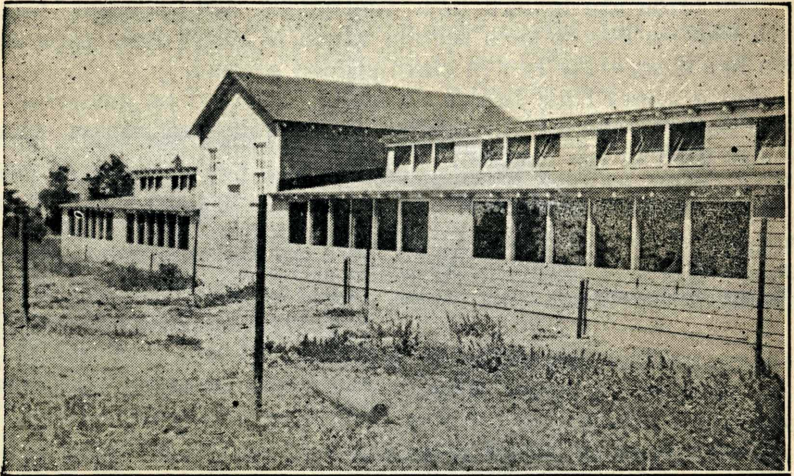
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The Contest Building

UTAH AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION
Utah State Agricultural College

LOGAN, UTAH

GENERAL INFORMATION

This contest is conducted on a part of the Utah Agricultural College Farm near the experimental poultry yards. It is managed by the Poultry Department with an experienced poultry raiser in direct charge of the feeding and care of the hens in the contest. The buildings, grounds, and fences were built and furnished by the Experiment Station.

The purpose of the contest is (1) to impress on the poultry raisers the importance of greater care in the selection of their fowls and in the value of proper feeding and housing and (2) to stimulate a greater interest in the breeding of better fowls. The contest also makes it possible for any breeder to have his strain of fowls tested for production and compared with other strains under the same conditions.

The birds are housed in a continuous semi-monitor house with four entries to each section which is 10x20 feet; each section has a separate run in clean sodded ground.

For a short time before shipping, it would be advisable to have pullets entering the contest on the following ration, which is also used in the contest:

SCRATCH FEED

Wheat	200 lbs.
Whole corn	100 lbs.
Heavy white oats	100 lbs.

MASH

Bran and shorts (millrun) ..	300 lbs.
Ground corn	200 lbs.
Ground barley	150 lbs.
Meat meal	85 lbs.
Alfalfa meal	40 lbs.
Charcoal	20 lbs.
Fine ground calcite	15 lbs.
Salt	6 lbs.

Fresh running water is provided in each pen. Sour skim-milk and limestone grit (calcite) are kept before the birds at all times. Well-cured alfalfa leaves are fed daily. One pint of cod liver oil is mixed in each 100 pounds of mash during the winter months. Electric lights are used from 5:00 a.m. until daylight.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE SIXTH UTAH INTERMOUNTAIN EGG-LAYING CONTEST

BYRON ALDER¹

1. This contest, known as the Sixth Utah Intermountain Egg-laying Contest, is conducted by the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station, Logan, Utah.

2. The contest will begin on November 1, 1929, and will close on October 24, 1930, extending over a period of exactly 51 weeks.

3. Each pen will consist of ten purebred pullets, hatched after January 1, 1929, of the same standard variety, with three additional pullets as alternates to take care of mortality or disqualifying losses during the contest. Birds that die during the first two weeks may be replaced by the owner.

4. The sum total of the eggs produced by the ten highest birds of each entry at any given time during the contest will determine the position of that pen in the contest. Only the ten highest birds will be considered as in competition.

5. The entry fee will be FIVE DOLLARS for each pen entered. The **full amount** must accompany the application. If entry is canceled and contest management notified before October 20, 1929, the full amount will be refunded.

6. The contest management reserves the right to reject any entry and to kill and burn any bird or birds whose presence, due to disease, vices, or other cause, may constitute a hazard to other birds in the contest.

7. Any bird arriving with any standard disqualification, except those white in face, with clipped wings, or squirrel tail, will not be allowed to receive a prize in the contest; the owner will be notified and allowed one week in which to replace disqualified bird or birds.

8. After the fowls have been received and placed in the contest pens, no entry can be withdrawn. Any contestant failing to abide by the rules of the contest subjects his pen to confiscation, and the birds will be sold for the credit of the contest.

9. Every reasonable precaution will be taken to protect the fowls and prevent loss, but the Experiment Station will not be responsible should death or loss occur.

10. Uniform care will be given all pens. Feeding and management will be directed entirely by the Poultry Department of the Experiment Station. The decision of the management in regard to all details of the contest shall be considered final.

11. A trapnest record of each pullet will be kept, and the contest shall be decided by the total number of marketable eggs

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laid by each pen. Abnormal eggs or those weighing less than 18 ounces to the dozen previous to February first or less than 20 ounces to the dozen after February first will not be given official credit. All eggs will be weighed and the weight of each egg recorded on the egg record which is sent to the owner of each entry.

12. The management reserves the right, at any time before November 1, 1929, (1) to change the method of deciding pen totals by a weighted-point system, stressing the importance of size of eggs, or (2) to make any other changes in these rules in compliance with recommendations of the American Record of Performance Council.

13. A careful record will be kept of all eggs laid outside of the trapnest. These eggs will be added to the pen total but not to any individual hen's record.

14. Special recognition and certificates will be awarded to the pens and hens producing the highest number of marketable eggs for the year.

15. A special certificate will be sent to the owner of each hen with a record of over 225 eggs for the year.

16. A report of the contest will be sent out each month to each contestant and to the various farm and poultry papers of this section. Additional copies of any month's report or the final report will be furnished to the contestants at cost.

17. Owners' names and pen numbers will appear in these reports. A change of name of ownership will not be made during the contest period.

18. All entries must be shipped **PREPAID** to the **Egg-Laying Contest, Utah Experiment Station, Logan, Utah**, to arrive here on October 30 or 31, 1929. The birds should be sent in good shipping crates. At the end of the contest the fowls will be returned in these crates at the expense of their owners.

19. Each pullet should be examined carefully for any indication of weakness or disease. Only vigorous, well-developed pullets should be shipped; before shipping all birds must be treated for lice.

20. Any contestant may enter a second pen of a different variety or of the same variety, provided the second pen does not keep out a first-pen entry of another contestant.

21. All entries will be filed and recorded in the order in which they are received. To avoid duplicate numbers, sealed leg bands will be furnished by the contest management.

22. All birds entered in this contest must be hatched from eggs produced in the contestants' own breeding pens.